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R277-498. Grant for Math Teaching Training.

R277-498-[2]1. Authority and Purpose.

- [A.](1) This rule is authorized by:
- (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board[, by];
- (b) Subsection 53A-1-401(3), which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities[,]; and [by]
- (c) Subsection 53A-6-901(2), [that]which directs the Board to [write]make rules to provide criteria to award a grant[(s) to a higher education institution(s) to encourage prospective educators to earn] related to mathematics [endorsements]education.
- [B:](2) The purpose of this rule is to <u>establish criteria to</u> award [funds, consistent with 2012 legislation, to institution(s) of higher education]a grant to:
- (a) support and encourage prospective educators to earn mathematics endorsements[-]; and
 - (b) assist an experienced mathematics teacher in becoming a teacher leader.

R277-498-[1]2. Definitions.

- [A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]
- [B.](1) "Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools" or "[{]CACTUS[}]" means the electronic file maintained on all licensed Utah educators[. The file]that includes[-information such as]:
 - ([1]a) personal directory information;
 - ([2]b) educational background:
 - ([3]c) endorsements;
 - ([4]d) employment history; and
 - ([5]e) a record of disciplinary action taken against the educator.
- [C.](2) "Endorsements in mathematics" means one or more endorsements in the mathematics teaching field that:
- (a) qualify an educator or prospective educator to teach a specific or specific level of mathematics course[. A notation indicating the educator's competency is maintained]; and
 - (b) is indicated by a notation on the educator's CACTUS record.
 - (3) "Grantee" or "prospective grantee" means:
 - (a) an institution of higher education; or
 - (b) a nonprofit educational organization.
- [D.](4) "Matching funds" means funds provided by the grant recipient in order to receive state funds under Section 53A-6-901.
- [E. "Teaching license" or "educator license" means an authorization issued by the Board which permits the holder to serve in a professional capacity in the public schools.]
 - [F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.]

R277-498-3. Board[/USOE] Procedures for Distributing Funds.

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- [A.](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall [identify one or more institutions of higher education]select a grantee that meets the criteria of Section 53A-6-901 and the criteria of this rule from requests submitted by [interested institutions of higher education]a prospective grantee.
- [B.](2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall notify a selected [institutions]grantee of [their]its eligibility to receive funds under this program following:
 - (a) review of the request; and
 - (b) the assurance of matching funds.
- [C:](3) The [USOE]Superintendent may identify one eligible and qualified [institution of higher education]grantee and establish a funding schedule to distribute funds or allow [institutions]a prospective grantee to submit an application[s] until March 30[, 2013].
- [D.](4) The [USOE]<u>Superintendent</u>, under the direction of the Board, shall distribute the appropriation provided for in Section 53A-6-901[, Section 2] by June 30[-2013].

R277-498-4. Criteria for Awarding Grants.

- [A.](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall consider the amount or percent of matching funds that a[n institution of higher education] prospective grantee [shall-]offers.
- [B:](2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall determine that the [institution of higher education]prospective grantee requesting funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall use the funds[for teachers and training] consistent with Section 53A-6-901[(1)].

R277-498-5. Accountability and Documentation.

- [A:](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall maintain records of the distribution of funds to [institution(s) of higher education]a grantee that[made] requests[for] funds provided under Section 53A-6-901 and [R277-498]this rule.
- [B.](2) The recipient of funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall maintain documentation of the matching funds offered by the [institution]grantee that established the [institution's]grantee's eligibility.
- [C:](3) Both the [USOE]Superintendent and the eligible [institution(s)]grantee shall maintain documentation of:
- (a) the number of prospective educators and the relevant training received from funding provided [in]by Section 53A-6-901; or
- (b) the number of experienced mathematics teachers and the relevant training received from funding provided by Section 53A-6-901.

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